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The family of CN 1161567A cited herein includes:
US Patent No. 5,683,931

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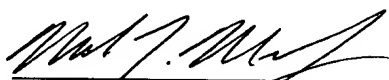
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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